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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.322**

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued in accordance with the enclosed Form PTO-1050. The errors involved are believed to be Patent Office errors, and it is believed that no fee is due in association with this request for a Certificate of Correction. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

It is respectfully submitted that significant errors are present in the printed patent, that correction thereof in accordance with the enclosed Form PTO-1050 is required in order that no misunderstanding will occur.

Respectfully submitted,  
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It is certified that errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 22, Line 29, after "to the", delete "second".  
Column 23, Line 47, after "network", delete "%".

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